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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF MR. AND MRS. VICTOR RIESEL

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE COMING TRAVEL
OF MR. VICTOR RIESEL, PROMINENT SYNDICATED LABOR COLUMNIST
WHOSE ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

SUNDAY, AUGUST - DEPART SAN FRANCISCO CHINA AIRLINES
FLIGHT 003 AT 2:00 P.M.; ARRIVE TAIPEI 6:00 P.M. MONDAY,
AUGUST 7.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 - DEPART TAIPEI 11:30 A.M. CHINA
AIRLINES FLIGHT 827; ARRIVE HONG KONG 1:00 P.M. (MANDARIN
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 - DEPART HONG KONG 4:20 P.M. CATHAY
PACIFIC AIRLINES FLIGHT 903; ARRIVE MANILA 6:10 P.M.
(MANILA HOTEL)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 - DEPART MANILA 11:15 A.M. CHINA
AIRLINES FLIGHT 812; ARRIVE TAIPEI 1:05 P.M.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 - DEPART TAIPEI 3:25 P.M. CHINA
AIRLINES FLIGHT 004.

2. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT MR. RIESEL DECIDED TO TRAVEL
TO THE FAR EAST BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF NEWS STORIES
COMING OUT OF THAT AREA RECENTLY. WE HAVE INFORMED
MR. RIESEL THAT OF THE THREE POSTS HE IS VISITING WE
HAVE A LABOR ATTACHE ONLY IN MANILA. MR. RIESEL HOPES
TO GET TOGETHER WITH HIM AND "WOULD APPRECIATE AN ASSIST"
FROM ALL THREE POSTS ON HIS ITINERARY. AS POSTS ARE
PROBABLY AWARE, MR. RIESEL IS ALMOST TOTALLY BLIND.
HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE WHO SERVES AS HIS
EYES. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF POSTS WOULD EXTEND
APPROPRIATE COURTESIES AND ASSISTANCE TO MR. RIESEL. CHRISTOPHER

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